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ALMA CONCERN AWARDED THE PAVING WORK

HOLMES, CRANE & BARTLING
LOW BIDDERS FOR WORK
ARE GIVEN CONTRACT.

Will Do State and City Work

The firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling, contractors of this city, has been awarded the contract for the paving on the state trunk line roads in Gratiot county by the state highway department and has also been given the contract for the paving of the city's portion of these highways.

The Alma firm was the lowest bidder for the work in the county, when the bids were opened at Ithaca a week ago Tuesday, but there was some little delay in the letting of the contract, as the firm had a considerable amount of other work to do for the state. The state department was desirous of making fairly certain that the local firm could do the work here within the time specified before awarding the contract to it.

The awarding of this contract to Holmes, Crane & Bartling aids greatly in establishing the prestige of the Alma company as one of the leading contracting firms of the state. Some little time ago the company was awarded a contract for a considerable amount of state trunk line highway in counties to the north of Gratiot, and the quality of the work that has been done on those roads by the Alma firm has brought it much very favorable comment.

Only a few days before the bids were opened for the paving of the state trunk line roads in Gratiot, Holmes, Crane & Bartling were the low bidders for similar work in Leavell county, and this work has been let to the Alma firm in addition to the Gratiot county work.

The work in Gratiot county alone will run in excess of \$100,000, and to this will be added over \$23,000 for the work that the city of Alma will do in widening portions of the trunk line pavement within the city. The firm will also secure some other contracts, it is expected from other towns of the county.

It is understood that Holmes, Crane & Bartling expect to start work just as quickly as possible, as the paving on the trunk line road on West Superior street is to be completed by August 1. The firm expects to rush the work just as rapidly as possible and hopes to have all of the pavement in within the time set forth in the contract.

The portions of the state trunk line road in this city that are to be paved are West Superior street from the end of the present pavement to the city limits; Wright avenue from the end of the present pavement, north to the city limits; East Superior street between Euclid and Bridge, and East Superior from the end of the present pavement at Republic and East Superior, east to the city limits.

The state department paves a width of twenty feet. To this pavement on a considerable portion of the pavement, the city will add an extra width, so that some of the pavement will be 30 feet in width and some of it 26 feet in width.

Holstein Makes A Fine Record

Local Holsteins are continuing to make good milk and butter production records as is indicated by the official tests reported from the office of Malcolm H. Gardner, Delevan, Wisconsin, Supt. of Advanced Registry of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

This week's bulletin reports the pure-bred registered Holstein-Friesian Cow, Lucy De Kol Hengerveld, owned by J. W. Chase, of Elwell, Michigan, as having made at the age of nine years and five months, a record of 553 lbs. of milk and 22 lbs. of butterfat in seven days, equivalent to 28 lbs. of butter.

WHERE THEY ARE

College professors are well scattered for the summer months. Professor Roy Hamilton is an instructor in the summer school at Mt. Pleasant Normal. R. C. Ditto is at the University of Chicago, Roy Campbell is doing field work for the college. Miss Annette Ward is attending summer school at Oberlin. Professor Benau is in Toronto this week. Miss Elizabeth Roberts, former dean of women, who is to return this coming year, is at the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Mitchell is leaving Friday for Europe.

No show at the Strand Tuesday, Thursday or Friday next week.—advertisement.

Pool Absorbs Much Wool

With more than 1,500,000 pounds of wool pooled and graded, wool continues to come into the Michigan State Farm Bureau pool at the rate 360,000 pounds a week or 60,000 pounds a day, says the farm bureau. It is expected that the 2,000,000 pound mark will be reached by the close of the first week in July. More than \$150,000 has been advanced to wool growers as the initial payment on pooled wool, according to the farm bureau wool department, which announces the sale of a block of 150,000 pounds of short staple fine wool at 22 cents a pound. Seventy-five of 130 grading warehouses have been visited.

The tone of the wool market is stronger, says C. J. Fawcett, American Farm Bureau Federation wool marketing director. He says that 70 to 80 per cent of the spindles in the country are running and that some mills have sufficient orders for capacity production until cold weather.

GRATIOT BIRTHS DOUBLE DEATHS

STATE FIGURES SHOW ALMOST
DOUBLE NUMBER OF BIRTHS
OVER DEATHS IN MAY.

Lansing, June 30.—Fifty-one births and 26 deaths were reported in Gratiot county during May, according to compilations of the division of vital statistics of the state department of health. No returns were received from Alma.

Forty-seven of the births occurred in the county outside of Alma and St. Louis and correspond to a birth rate of 23.6 per 1,000 of population. Twenty-four deaths were reported giving a death rate of 12.1 per 1,000 population, and 3 deaths of children under 1 year of age making an infant mortality rate of 64 per 1,000 living births.

St. Louis' four births give the city a birth rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population; the two deaths reported a general death rate of 7.4. Since no deaths of children under 1 year of age were reported St. Louis had a zero infant mortality rate for the month. Three stillbirths were reported from rural districts. Special compilation is made of stillbirths in vital statistics, counting as neither births nor deaths. Stillbirths evidence lack of prenatal care and instruction, officials say, and are preventable in 50 per cent of the cases.

The goal every community should seek, declare authorities, is a general death rate as low as 10.0 for 1,000 population, a birth rate at least two and one half times as great as this general death rate, and an infant mortality rate as low as 50 or 60 per 1,000 living births.

Michigan Fishermen Must Get License

The anglers' license law, sponsored by the different sportsmen's organizations throughout the state has been passed by the state legislature and signed by Governor Groesbeck. The law will be effective July 1 and makes it necessary for every resident of the state to obtain a fisherman's license before they can fish on any stream or lake. The license fee will be \$1.00 and may be obtained from any county clerk, village or township clerk or game warden. Children under 18 years of age do not require a license. People living on shores of streams or lakes will be furnished a license free of charge to fish in that stream or lake.

The fee for the balance of 1921 shall be only 50 cents. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00 or 10 days in the county jail.

Devine Selected On the Committee

Rev. Sherman L. Devine of Spokane, Washington, a graduate of Alma College with the Class of '98, has been appointed by the Near East Relief Committee as the representative for the Pacific coast states to visit Armenia and other near east countries.

On the return from Europe the committee will spread its findings for the people of the United States, giving information as to the needs of those countries during the coming winter.

The committee will sail from the United States today for the Near East.

Devine is a product of The Record office as well as Alma College, his ability in spreading ink having given him a chance to earn his way through college at that time. He was one of the reporters of The Record.

CHAUTAUQUA TICKET SALE STARTS SOON

ATTRACTION WILL BE IN ALMA
FROM AUGUST 4 UNTIL
AUGUST 11.

Plans for Ecent Are Under Way

The Chautauqua committee of eighteen members is beginning to plan for the approaching Redpath Chautauqua, which will be in Alma during the seven days from August 4 to August 11, with one of the strongest programs that has ever been given from the Chautauqua platform in this city.

The committee is busy laying plans for the ticket sale for the big week of the year in the city, and feels certain that those who secure tickets this year will be more pleased with the high class of the entertainments than in former years, as the Redpath management has used every endeavor to secure the very best attractions for the circuit this year.

Two real famous plays will be among the attractions. The famous Ben Greet players, who have achieved a reputation that reaches from coast to coast, will appear on the fourth night of the chautauqua in the Shakespearean play, "As You Like It." The sixth night of the week will bring to Alma the famous American play, "The Man From Home." This attraction will be given by the New York cast.

There will be musical numbers galore during the week, these attractions being far out of the ordinary. The Nevins Company, The Chapel Singers, National Male Quartette, Artists concert, Harold Ayres, violinist, and others.

Among the lectures that will hold a wide interest will be "The Perils of Democracy," by Dr. Frank Loveland; "The Polish Legion," by Lewis A. Convis; "Crime—Its Cause, Practice and Prevention," by H. J. Loefer; "America Looking Ahead," by Montaville Flowers, and others.

The committee expects to be ready to start the ticket sale for the chautauqua in about ten days, and from that time on until the opening of the annual attraction on August 4, solicitors will be busy disposing of the tickets that must be sold to meet the guarantee for the chautauqua.

GUARD UNIT RECOGNIZED

WAR DEPARTMENT HAS ORGAN-
IZED THE ALMA CAVALRY
UNIT IS REPORT.

The Alma troop of Cavalry in the Michigan National Guard has been recognized by the war department at Washington, according to the best obtainable information, causing a considerable amount of enthusiasm among the members of the organization.

Work with the troop is going forward rapidly and it is expected that the matter of headquarters for the organization will now be quickly settled. One of two places under consideration, will be selected as the headquarters.

Officers and a number of picked men returned Friday from Grayling, tired, dusty and somewhat out of sorts, from the long hot ride, but with plenty of information regarding the way to handle the Alma unit in the Michigan National Guard.

At special schools conducted at Grayling the men and officers were put through intensive courses in the various branches of the work that they will be called upon to handle in the guard unit.

Just as rapidly as possible the information gleaned at the National Guard school at Grayling will be transmitted to the men of the company, and as much headway made in training as can possibly be done before the company goes to camp later for a few weeks of training.

AUTOMOBILE RACES

The Saginaw fair grounds race track will be the scene of hotly contested automobile races Monday afternoon, July 4, when 25 of the best drivers of the state will compete for \$2500 in prizes. Bob Wilcox, state champion, will be one of the drivers and Huebner who gave Wilcox such a chase at Saginaw May 29 will be pitted against him, as will many others with reputations almost as good. The track is lightning fast and new state marks for all distances from a half to 10 miles are expected.

Three Commencement Addresses in Day

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College continues to be in great demand as a commencement speaker among the high schools of the state, and last week was called upon for five different commencement addresses, three of these being in Grand Rapids, Michigan's second largest city.

In Grand Rapids President Crooks was evidently working at top speed, as he was called upon to give three addresses within a space of twenty-four hours. Thursday afternoon one address was given. A second was given in the evening, and the third the following morning. They were made at the commencements of Central, Union and South high schools.

During the week he also gave commencement addresses at Alpena and Ferndale.

SEVERAL ARE ARRESTED HERE

POLICE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY
ARE WARNING ON SPEEDERS
FOUND IN ALMA.

During the past week local officers have arrested several people here for speeding in the first week of the determined effort to stamp out the speeding danger that is caused by reckless or careless drivers in this city.

It is understood that the officers will continue to keep their eyes wide open on the lookout for the speeding automobiles in Alma. The possibility of accidents from speeding automobiles is too great, in the minds of the police officials to allow them to take any other course in the attempt to make the streets of the city safe for everyone at all times.

The amount of traffic on some of the streets which are rather narrow when the amount of traffic is considered, makes it highly dangerous for motorists to speed their automobiles, not only for themselves, but for the general public. Because some careless motorists fail to take proper precautions at corners, they often come near running down pedestrians, who are intent on crossing the street just as quickly as possible, and yet who are sometimes forced to give a quick jump to avoid being struck by an automobile, which has rounded a corner and is coming towards them, without the least intent on the part of the driver to sound a warning signal of his approach.

Officers realize that hundreds in Alma of automobile drivers are very careful, and that it is only a few, perhaps more careless than the majority, or possibly more reckless, who will properly classify as a speeder, or as a traffic law violator.

City Ice Supply Is Very Limited

Manager Verne Miner of the Miner & Son ice company of this city is asking that the public co-operate to the fullest extent in order that the ice supply for the city this year may last until cool fall weather comes.

The open winter, the warmest that Alma has seen in years, was such that the ice was far from as thick as in most years, and as a result the ice being thin is more easily affected by the warm weather, and will not last as long as the larger, more substantial cakes that the public has been used to having in former years.

The weather was also such during the winter that a full supply of ice was practically unobtainable.

This means that Alma has a short supply of ice for use this summer, and that the public must co-operate with the ice company in conserving the supply if it is to last throughout the season.

The company is using every precaution to avoid unnecessary waste of its ice, that the public may have the benefit. It believes that it is also entitled to co-operation from the public in order that the saving thus created may save some ice that may be badly needed by the people of Alma before fall.

Mr. Miner also called attention to the fact that many ice companies in other communities have raised the price of their ice because of the short supply this year, and pointed out the fact that the Alma company is doing its best to maintain its usual price, in spite of the short supply, which naturally increases the value of the ice on hand.

The annual Sunday school convention of Emerson township was held Sunday at the Emerson Baptist church. Dr. M. G. Skinner of Ithaca had charge of the forenoon program. A basket dinner was served at noon. Afternoon session was in charge of Rev. H. W. Stillman. The convention closed with election of officers.

JUNE BRIDES CONTINUE IN POPULARITY

SEVERAL WELL KNOWN NORTH-
ERN GRATIOT PEOPLE MAR-
RIED IN PAST TEN DAYS.

Sharrar Married in Illinois June 20

June wedding bells continue to peal forth in happy tones, and during the week they have announced more weddings of well known Gratiot county people.

Allen Sharrar
Monday noon, June 20, at the First Methodist Episcopal church, parsonage Miss Ruby L. Allen of Champaign, Ill., was united in marriage to George E. Sharrar of this city, by the pastor of the church.

Mrs. Sharrar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tartus Allen, one of the well known and highly regarded families of Champaign, where they have resided for years.

Mr. Sharrar is one of the best known real estate men of this section of the state, and maintains his headquarters in Alma, as well as his home. He is the senior member of the firm of Sharrar & Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharrar have been enjoying a wedding trip by automobile through central Illinois since their marriage. They are expected to arrive in Alma about July 1, and will make their home here.

Newcomb-Baker
Miss Mary Newcomb, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Newcomb, was united in marriage to Edward B. Baker on Friday, June 24. They will be at home to their friends after July 15, at St. Louis.

Bartley-Goodwin
On Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bartley, residing at Forest Hill, Miss Marion Bartley, was united in marriage to Mr. Theo. A. Goodwin. The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion. A number of relatives and close friends of the family were present at the ceremony.

AWARDED CONTRACT

The Medler Electrical Shop of this city was the successful bidder last Thursday for the contract for wiring the new school house at Clare, which will replace the structure burned last winter. The building will be one of the most modern high school buildings in this section of the state.

UNION SERVICES JULY AND AUGUST

MOST OF THE CHURCHES OF
CITY WILL JOIN IN UNION
SERVICES.

The ministers of a number of co-operating churches have arranged the following schedule for Union Sunday evening services during the months of July and August.

The services will meet at 7:30 o'clock and will convene in the church buildings instead of the park. Last year when the services were held in the park rain interfered with the program several times and it was thought best this year to give up the outdoor plan for that reason.

The schedule for the two months follows:

July 2—M. E. Church, Rev. J. F. Williams, speaker.
July 10—Christian church, Rev. W. L. Gelston, speaker.
July 17—Baptist church, Rev. Matt. Duffey, speaker.
July 24—Presbyterian church, Rev. J. F. Williams, speaker.
July 31—M. E. church, Rev. W. L. Gelston, speaker.
August 7—Chautauqua.
August 14—Christian church, Rev. E. E. Shouffer, speaker.
August 21—Baptist church, Rev. Matt. Duffey, speaker.
August 28—Presbyterian church, Rev. E. E. Shouffer, speaker.

These services are being held in the four largest buildings although more congregations than the four are co-operating. A cordial invitation to attend them is given to all in the city.

WILL GET FIGHT RETURNS

Lovers of the fistie sport in this city, who find the distance too great to allow them to attend the Dempsey-Carpentier fight for the world's heavyweight championship in New Jersey Saturday, will be able to procure news of the fight by rounds in this city. The Recreation Place, owned by John Luchini, has made arrangements with a service to supply the news from the ring side by rounds.

Improve Plans For Mausoleum

The Flowers Mausoleum Company of Toledo, which is erecting the new \$55,000 mausoleum in Riverside cemetery, is pushing the work just as rapidly as possible.

Because of the size of the structure which the company is building here, several important changes have been made in the plans which promise to make it a much more elaborate and desirable building. The value of the structure to the company, for future business, of course, is one of the prime reasons for the changes.

One of the most important changes in the plans was announced by Mr. Flowers this week. This change will be in the doors of the handsome structure. Instead of using steel doors as was originally planned, the company now expects to use ornamental bronze doors for the building, which should add very materially to its attractiveness. The two doors will cause an additional outlay of approximately \$300.00, it is said.

NEW HAWKERS ORDINANCE

MERCHANTS BUREAU SUBMITS
DRAFT OF PROPOSED ORDI-
NANCE TO COMMISSION.

A new vendors and peddlers ordinance for the City of Alma or the addition of some new sections to the existing ordinances of the city appear to be more than a remote possibility. City Attorney William A. Bahlike having the draft of a new ordinance in his possession for study, which he will report upon at the next meeting of the city commission.

The draft of the ordinance, which closely resembles that which the City of Lansing is now using, was brought before the city commission by the Merchants Bureau of the Alma Chamber of Commerce.

It had been felt for some little time that the present ordinances were not entirely adequate for the needs of the community in keeping thorough tabs on the hawkers and vendors, who have been plying their trade in the city, and as a result this was one of the first things to be taken up by the Merchants' Bureau.

When the matter came before the city commission Tuesday evening it was referred to the city attorney, who will report later.

The proposed ordinance carries a much heavier license fee than the former one, and will also carry a clause demanding a surety bond of the hawkers and peddlers, the former being a regulatory measure and the latter a protection for the public.

GARDEN NOTES

Plants of late celery, cabbage and cauliflower are commonly set during the first two weeks in July.

A good distance for planting the late large growing varieties of cabbage and cauliflower is 2½x3½ feet. The soil should be moist and well prepared for planting, otherwise transplanting from the seed bed into the garden or field may not be successful unless the plants are carefully "watered in."

White or light colored stalks of celery are secured by blanching, which consists of growing the plants in darkness so that the coloring matter of the stem is destroyed. Blanchings also make the stalks more crisp and tender and improves the quality.

Early celery is most easily blanched by setting up boards about 12 in. wide against the plants each side of the row. On a small scale in the home garden each individual plant may be carefully wrapped by hand with good heavy paper. The blanching operation requires about two or three weeks. When blanched in this manner a distance of 2½ feet is sufficient.

Late celery is best when blanched by banking with soil. Commonly the plants are set six inches apart in rows not less than 3½ or 4 feet apart, but you will find that 2 or even 6 feet is better especially for the large growing varieties.

Chinese cabbage or "celery cabbage" is best grown as a fall crop. Seed should be sown during the latter part of July so that the crop will mature during the cool fall months.

CLUB MEMBERS ATTENTION

The members of the Areada, Seville and Summer Farmers' Clubs will find their home on the Fourth in one of the new cottages in the Silver's grove at Crystal. Space for parking cars will be available. Bring your family, a well-filled basket and bathing suits and make yourselves at home.
Com. on arrangements.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I wish to announce that I am fully equipped to do vulcanizing, and that I fully guarantee all work to be of first class quality. Give me a trial at Leary & Thompson's Garage, 205 W. Superior St., Alma, Michigan.
(Advertisement) F. E. Northrup.

CRAWFORD WAS CONVICTED BY JURY SATURDAY

BRECKENRIDGE BANKER'S CASE
WILL BE APPEALED TO THE
SUPREME COURT.

Embezzlement Was Charge Against Him

Alfred F. Crawford, one of the most prominent residents of Gratiot county, and for a score of years the cashier of the First State Savings Bank of Breckenridge, was convicted by a jury in Circuit Court late Saturday of embezzling funds from that institution at which he had for years been a trusted employee.

After the jury had returned its verdict of guilty, court adjourned until Wednesday.

Yesterday the attorneys for the defense argued a motion for a stay of proceedings and Judge Hart of Midland who has been hearing the case granted the defense until August 15 to settle upon a bill of exceptions.

It is the intention of the attorneys for the defense to appeal the case to the Supreme Court, and they feel confident that in the higher court they will get the conviction set aside.

After the defense rested its case last Thursday by putting Harry Millard, bank examiner, on the stand the defense used a large number of character witnesses in behalf of the defendant in the case.

Friday afternoon both defense and prosecution made the final arguments to the jury, and when court adjourned for the day all that remained to be done, was for the Judge to charge the jury before it retired to consider the question of the guilt of Crawford.

The Charge to the jury was given Saturday morning. The jury then retired to the jury room to consider the case. After a few hours of deliberation the jury asked the court for instruction on some points and then retired again to the jury room, and shortly thereafter reached a decision. When brought back to the court room the foreman of the jury announced that a verdict of guilty had been decided upon. The jury was out approximately four hours.

The case has held the close attention of the residents of Gratiot county because of the prominence of Crawford, who has not only been a prominent resident of the county, but one of the best known politicians of the county for a score of years. He had also been very active in various civic affairs during this time. Almost daily during the trial the court room was thronged to capacity, with the people present hanging to every word from witness, attorney and judge.

The warrant on which Crawford was arrested charged the embezzlement of a single item of \$2,000 from the Breckenridge bank, said to have been the largest single amount taken. It is said that the total amount of the bank's funds, which it is alleged Crawford embezzled was in the neighborhood of \$36,000.

Place a Good Order in Alma

The first order to be placed here for Troop C, 105th Cavalry, Michigan National Guard, was authorized yesterday in a telegram which was received by H. C. Reece, captain of the organization.

The authorization covers food for the horses for the cavalry. The purchase of 17,334 pounds of oats, 2,294 pounds of bran, 27,478 pounds of hay, and 6,400 pounds of straw is covered in the authorization.

The cost of the goods will run into several hundred dollars, and as the goods are to be purchased locally some concern is certain to reap a good benefit from the initial order to be placed by the local unit of cavalry, bearing out the early reports that the unit would spend upwards of \$15,000 per year in Alma for supplies.

It is expected that the order for the food for the horses of the troop will be placed today.

BODY COMING

The body of Ernest C. Wilhelm, Alma soldier in the World War, arrived in Detroit yesterday. The bodies of the soldiers which reached that city yesterday are now being shipped to their homes just as rapidly as possible, and it is expected that Wilhelm's body will reach here before Saturday.

WILL NOT RETURN

Mrs. Ethel S. Bebb, instructor in English and in gymnasium work for women at Alma College will not return to the local college next fall, according to word which has been received by President H. M. Crooks.

"The Son of Tarzan" will be shown on Wednesday only hereafter—advertisement.